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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Barrick-Dee Mining Venture Inc.'s (BDMV) proposed Arturo Mine Project. The proposed project includes the expansion of the existing open pit, construction of two new waste rock disposal storage facilities, construction of a new heap leach facility, and the construction of new support facilities (i.e. substation and associated transmission powerline, water wells, office, and roads). Mill grade mined material would be transported to Barrick's Goldstrike Mine Facility for processing. No dewatering is proposed for this project. The proposed project would create approximately 2,703 acres of surface disturbance on public land administered by the BLM. The project life is approximately ten years of mining and ore processing and will employ 240 workers. The proposed project is located approximately 45 miles northwest of Elko, in Elko County, Nevada at the previously authorized Dee Gold Mine site.

The EIS analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with the proposed mining development activities. The Final EIS has been prepared in an abbreviated format and must be used in conjunction with the Draft EIS issued in January 2013. Together, the Draft and Final EIS constitute the complete EIS. The Final EIS includes responses to comments received during the public review period on the Draft EIS and updates to the Draft EIS.

Following a 30-day Final EIS availability and review period, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued. The decision reached in the ROD is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The 30-day appeal period begins with the issuance of the ROD.

Copies of the Arturo Mine Project Draft and Final EIS documents are available in the BLM Elko District Office at the above address, and on line at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html.

Sincerely,

/s/ 12/20/2013

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